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COMOR Minutes - Pertinent to Cuba

M-81 24 May (5) Committee agreed that readout should start COB on day following receipt of pictures, if received after noon, regardless of day.

(7) Members will submit by COB 31 May items to be covered during June:

Cat A twice a month
Cat B once a month

Note on competition:

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████████ over NV
Urgent processing of SC photography
Increase NV from 2-4 a month (DIA)

M-84 7 June (10) AF representative asked about reported delay in processing of Cuba photography and was satisfied, after inquiry, that there was none.

M-85 13 June (1) Special meeting called at request of DIA to consider additional missions over Cuba for week ending 15 June and weekly thereafter through July, because of reports of imminent activities by Castro or insurgent Cubans. COMOR agreed and sent to Special Group as D-24/13.

M-87 21 June (4) Targets for the next mission estimated for the 1st of next week will be same as Cats A and B submitted originally for the two missions in June (see M-81).

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M-91 9 July (3) It was consensus that information obtained bearing upon the suspected uprising or counter moves by Castro in mid-June was negative but of great value to the operators. As a result of information obtained on 29 June mission, last to date, it was agreed that coverage of principal targets every 2 weeks will at this time satisfy needs of US military contingency planning. ██████████ In view of this conclusion and fact there is standing permission for at least two missions per month, no further COMOR action deemed necessary at this time.

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M-96 9 August (2) COMOR reviewed intelligence available regarding Soviet ship movements into Cuba and the capability of using T photography to add significantly to this info. It concluded in the negative and agreed to forward to the DCI its views on this subject as set forth in D-24/14.

M-101 1 September (1) Special meeting to review Cuba in light of 3088 to determine:

1. When to fly next mission.
2. What requirements guidance should be
3. Whether there was an intelligence requirement for other photographic reconnaissance by a tactical vehicle.

(2) COMOR agreed:

1. That in view of finding complexes on western end it is particularly important to cover area of island not photographed.
2. Recover Banes - at this time no suspected for a cruise missile/coastal defense role.

(3) Work Group to identify targets for low level reconnaissance

M-102 3 September (2) COMOR reviewed Working Group recommendations for low level reconnaissance and issued D-24/15.

M-104 8 September (1) COMOR has reviewed 3089. Unfortunately weather precluded coverage of possible SSM at Banes. It also did not cover Isle of Pines to check on SAM deployment and other areas in eastern half of Cuba which should be searched for SAM and possibly SSM deployment.

(2) COMOR recommends that another U-2 mission be flown, as soon as weather permits, to cover Banes and the other targets mentioned above and identified on attached map.

M-105 10 September (1) On 9 September Chief, COMOR was informed that the Secretary of State has raised question whether the information needed on Banes could be obtained by peripheral reconnaissance.

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(3) COMOR concluded:

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(a) That [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] might permit determination whether or not SSM, from [REDACTED] miles. 25X1D

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(b) [REDACTED] does not have capability unless within [REDACTED] miles. 25X1A

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(c) On 1st oblique [REDACTED] miles), under optimum atmospheric conditions U-2 can do about the same as [REDACTED]

(5) Peripheral photography could satisfy some of objectives planned for current U-2 i.e. North and South coast and some of Isle of Pines. It could not satisfy Guantanamo or search which may be required later for SAMs further inland nor for future MIG 21 count on inland bases or for technical intelligence.

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M-106 13 September (6) The Chairman, COMOR reported that as a result of high level discussions there was now approval for a brief mission to cover the eastern end of the island, one to cover the Isle of Pines, and the 3rd to be flown solely peripherally on either the northern or southern edge between the center of the island and the eastern end. Working Group to figure out preferences for #3.

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M-108 27 September (7) COMOR considered DIA-SAO-T-1145-62-CW, a justification for [REDACTED] over Cuba, approved it in principle and forwarded it to USIB. 25X1A

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M-109 4 October (4) [REDACTED] briefed COMOR on an [REDACTED] proposal for a [REDACTED] type of operation over Cuba and submitted a paper for study by the Working Group. 25X1A

(7) COMOR forwarded DIA-SAO [REDACTED] to USIB for approval. 25X1A

M-110 6 October At request of INR COMOR met to prepare [REDACTED] justification and requirement for overhead reconnaissance of Cuba. This included SIGINT justification and requirement. 25X1A

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M-111 11 October (11) The DIA member advised that the USAF [REDACTED] would commence peripheral photography on or about 15 October. 25X1A

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